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added, turning to address the girl, "I was sheriff of Abilene once in the ole

"You talk big," said Tenlow, laugh-

ing. "Who was you when you was sheriff of Ablene, eh?"

"Lock Summers, sometimes called Red Jack Summers," replied Overland quietly, and he looked the deputy in

Overland nodded. "Take it or leave

2. You'll find out some day. And now

reward for ; ed. I need the money."

Overland Red grianed. "It's against me morals to bet—with kids. But I'll

ed off me against the thousand you expect to get that you don't even get h long range small of that money. Are you on?

Tenlow motioned the other to step

"I'm bettin' my little gun to a thou-sand dollars less than nothin'. Ain't

you game? I'm givin' you the long

"Never mind," growled Tenlow; "you

The boy Coilie, recovering from his

surprise at the arrest, stepped up to the sheriff. "Where do I come in?"

he asked. "You can't pinch I'd with

out me. I was with him that time the

guy croaked out on the Mojave. Red

didn't kill him. They let us go once. What you doin' pinchin' us again?

"Hold on, Collie; don't get careless,"

said Overland, "He don't know noth-

in'. He's followin' orders. The game's

Louise whistled Boyar to her and

bridled him. The little group ahead seemed to be waiting for her. She led

the pony toward the trail. "Did he do

it?" she asked as she caught up with

"No," he muttered. "Red's the squarest pal on earth. Red tried to

save the guy out there on the desert. Gave him all the water we had, pret

ty near. He dassent to give him all.

for because be was afraid it would

kill him. The guy fell and hit his head

en the rail. Red said he was dyin' on

his feet, anyway. Then Red lugged

me clean to that tank where you seen

as from the train. I was all in. ' I

guess Red saved my life. He didn't

"Is he was he really a cowboy"

Cyclene once and get first money for

ridin' the worst buckin' brone' at the

rodeo over to Tucson. Well, I guess!"

"Boyar, my pony, is the fastest peny in the hills," said Louise pensively.

"What you givin' us?" said the boy,

"Nothing, I was merely imagining

"Red's square." asserted the boy.

tell you that,"

maked by something familre apturned, questioning one gamelesses hand to her passes the boy I saw out two years ago. Weren't hy a water task when our sed and a man was knoeling searches water on your face?

"Cart you see I she's firsthed smale," yet?" quarted Overland.
"Came on! Buy stong?
"He way to indican a gent, you stanny. Buy, I'll sail you now before a fall down and shoot yourself. Be at think you get me became you note y while I was talked to a lady and atted into polite conversation line a runken Swede at a dance? Buy, you sink I'd 'at ever-set you get this far if see ladn't been a lady present? Buy, you little mickel plated, rubber sed policeman, I was don't the docured with a pair of Colfs 40's when at was learning the trate of milk?" Thei'll be about all for you," said a shall, grinning.

No. 2 sin't. You sin't takin' m

Deputy Teniow scowled. He was a big man, slow of tongue, ordinarily senial and propertially stupid. He knew the tramp was chdeavoring to anger-him. The deputy turned to Lou-"Borry, Miss Lacharme, but I got

re's really nothing to hinder, is

here?" Louise asked sweetly. The tramp glanced up, addre The tramp glaneed up, addressing the deputy. "Yes, even now there is homething to hinder if I was to get busy." Then he coolly dropped his arms and leaned against the rock with one leg crossed before the other in a manner sometimes supposed to reflect social case and elegance, "But I'm game to take what's comin'. If you'll have offer up up and extract the 38 not stick me up and extract the 38 stomatic Fm packin' on my hip-nd, believe me, she's a bad Gat when whe's in action—why, I'll feel lots better. The little gun might get to shoot in' by herself, and then somebody would get hurtgure. You see, I'm givin' you all the chance you want to take me without settin' mussed up. I'm berven about firearms anyhow."

Deputy Dick Tenlow advanced and secured the gan.

"Now." said Overland Red, heaving a cigh; "now, I sin't ashamed to look asso in the face. You see, miss," he in action—why, I'll feel lots bet-

murmured Louise, with apparent irrelevance.

They had crossed the meadow. Ahead of the sheriff walked Overland, his slouch gone, his head carried high. Collie noted this unusual alertuess of polse and wondered.

"Don't try the brush," cautioned Tenlow, also aware of Overland's alert-

"When I leave here I'll ride. Sabe?" trail, turning his back squarely on the alert and puzzled sheriff.

"He's been raised in these hills," muttered the tramp. "He knows the



"Don't try the brush," cautioned Ten-

trails. I don't. But I'd like to show that little rose-lady girl some rea ridin' once. She's a sport. I hate toto do it, but I guess I got to." "Step up there," said Tenlow. "What

you talkin' about, anyhow?" "Angels," replied Overland. "I see 'em once in awhile." And he glanced back. He saw Collie talking to the girl, who stood by her pony, the reins dangling lightly from her outstretched

you got some excuse for packin' a gun round these here peaceful hills and valleys the rest of your life. You took Jack Summers, and there ain't goin' to be a funeral." "Snake!" screamed Overland Red, leaping backward and flinging up his arms directly in the face of the deputy's pony. The horse reared. Overland, crouching, sprang under its belly, striking it as he went. Again the pony reared, nearly throwing the deputy.
"Overland limited!" shouted the

Something about the tramp's manner inclined the deputy to believe that he had spoken the truth. "All right," said Teniow: "Just step ahead. Don't try the brush or I'll drop you."

"Course you would," said Overland, stepping shead of the deputy's pony. "But the bunch you're cikin' orders from don't want me dead; they want me afive. I sin't no good all shot up. You ought to know that." tramp, dashing toward Boyar. With a spring he was in the saddle and had slipped the quirt from the saddle horn to his wrist. He would need that guirt, as he had no spurs.

Round swung Tenlow, cursing. Black Boyar shot across the meadow. the quirt falling at each jump. tramp glanced back. Tenlow's right hand went up, and his gun roared once, twice.

The boy Collie, white and gasping, threw himself in front of Tenlow's horse. The deputy spurred the pony ever him and swept down the meadow, Louise, angered in that the boy had enatched Boyar's reins from her as Overland shouted, relented as she saw. the instant bravery in the lad's en-desvor to stop Tenlaw's horse. She stooped over him. He rose stiffly.

"Oh, I thought you were hurt!" she "Nope. I guess not. I was scared, I guess. Let's watch 'em, miss." And, forgetful of his bruised and shaken body, he limped to the edge of the meadow, followed by Louise. "There

"Boyar! Boyar! Good horse! Good horse!" cried the girl as the black pony flashed across the steep slope of the ragged mountain side like a winged thing. "Boyar! Boy!"

The sheriff gent can't shoot again—he's

ey go!" be cried.

She shivered as the loose shale, plowed by the pony's flying hoofs, slithered down the slope at every plunge.
"Can he ride?" shouted Collie, wild

tears of joy in his eyes. Suddenly Overland, glancing back, saw Tenlow stop and raise his arm, The tramp cowboy swung Black Boyar half round and, driving his unspurre heels into the pony's ribs, put him straight down the terrific slope of the

"Your Friend le a Man."

MENLOW'S gun cracked. A spray of dust rose instantly ahead of Boyar.

"Look! Look!" cried Louise The deputy, angered out of his usual judgment, spurred his horse directly down the footless shale that the tramp had ridden across diagonally. "Look! He can't The horse Oh!" she groaned as Tenlow's pony stumbled and all but pitched headlong. "The other man knew better than that," she asped, turning to the boy. "He waited till he struck rock and brush before

he turned Boyar." "Can be ride?" shouted Collie, grinning. But the grin died to a gasp. A burst of shale and dust shot up from the hillside. They saw the flash of the cinchas on the belly of Tenlow's horse as the dauntless pony stumbled and dove headlong down the slope, rolling over and over, to stop finally-a patch of brown, shapeless, quivering.

Below Overland Red had curbed

Boyar and was gazing up at a spot of black on the billside, Dick Tenlow, motionless, stient. His sombrero lay several vards down the slope.

"Oh! The horse!" cried Louise chokingly, with her hand to her breast. As for Dick Tenlow, lying halfway down the hillside, stunned and shattered, she had but a secondary sympathy. He had sacrificed a gallant and willing beast to his anger. The tramp, riding a strange pony over desperate used judgment. "Your friend is a man!" she said, turning to the boy. But Dick Tenlow is hurt-perhaps

it fell." "I guess it's up to us to see if the sheriff gent is done for at that," said

killed. He went under the horse when

"You'll get arrested now," said the girl. "If Dick Tenlow is alive you'll have to go for help. If he isn't" "I'll go, all right. I ain't afraid. I didn't do anything. I guess I'll stick around till Red shows up again, any

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